



# WING BEAT NEWS

## REGION 2 SACRAMENTO VALLEY-CENTRAL SIERRA COUNTIES

Plumas, Butte, Glenn,  
Colusa, Yolo, Solano,  
Yuba, Sutter,  
Sacramento, San  
Joaquin, Calaveras,  
Alpine, Amador, El  
Dorado, Placer,  
Nevada and Sierra



# SUMMER 2003

## DOVE HUNTING



**What's Coming in Fall Wing Beat News**  
Pheasant Hunting; Women's, Family, Junior, and  
Mobility Impaired Junior Pheasant Hunts; Joice  
Island Pig Hunt in Feb.-March 2004; Quail Hunting;  
Migratory Waterfowl Regulations, Junior  
Waterfowl Hunts; and Turkey Hunting!

Mourning doves are the most abundant dove in North America and the most widely hunted and harvested game bird. Hunting season for the migratory dove is set annually by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and approved by the California Fish and Game Commission in early August. *In California the **PROPOSED** Dove Season opens the first day of September and runs for 15 consecutive days (Monday, Sept. 1 thru. Monday Sept. 15, 2003). The **PROPOSED** late season opens again the second weekend of November for 45 consecutive days (11-8-03 thru 12-22-03). The **PROPOSED** bag limits and shooting hours will be 10 per day, 20 in possession from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.*

Doves are often hunted near harvested grain fields such as wheat, barley, safflower or sunflower. Doves prefer to feed on bare or nearly bare ground so a mowed, weed field can be attractive. When hunting the state wildlife areas as well as private lands, look for doves along the creeks, rivers, and other tree lined habitats. The first and last 2-3 hours of the day are usually when the doves are most active. Sierra Nevada foothill locations such as the Tehama and Spenceville WA's, the coastal foothills, and many of the valley WA's are good. Water sources such as canals and ponds can also be good places to sit and wait for the doves to come to you. **Several wildlife areas have utilized Upland Game Bird Stamp funds to plant safflower and sunflower to improve dove habitat and hunting.** It is illegal to scatter grain or other seed in a field which is hunted.

*Reports from Fish and Game field biologists indicate that this should be an average to good year.*

The following is a list of public lands where doves are often found. Call the phone number for additional information and an area map. It is strongly recommended that a trip to one of these areas before dove season will let you know where the habitat and birds are located.

### Questions and Answers -

**Are reservations necessary for hunting the northern California /Sacramento Valley wildlife areas?** No reservations are needed for hunting during the Sept. dove season. A reservation may be useful during the late dove season on the Type A waterfowl hunting areas such as Upper Butte Basin, Gray Lodge, or Yolo Bypass Wildlife areas.

**Is there a charge?** There is no charge for hunting any of the Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Areas during the early dove season or the Type C wildlife areas during the late dove season. There is a fee charged (tentatively \$12.50/day) on the Type A waterfowl hunting areas when the waterfowl season begins.

### PLACES TO HUNT

( Sa/Su =safflower/sunflower plots planted on the wildlife areas; N,S,E,W = directions)

**Tehama Wildlife Area** - Type C area - (44,601 acres), 25 miles east of Red Bluff on Highway 36 to Plum Creek Road; or east on Hogsback Road. Doves found along ridges, Hogsback Road, Meeker and Myers Ponds and various stock ponds. Call DFG at (530) 597-2201.

**Black Butte Reservoir** (3000 acres) – 25 miles west of Chico via Hwy 32 on County Road 200 (Newville Road). U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (530) 865-4781. Web site [www.spk.usace.army.mil/cespk-co/lakes\\_or\\_email\\_blackbutte-info@spk.usace.army.mil](http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/cespk-co/lakes_or_email_blackbutte-info@spk.usace.army.mil).

**Sacramento River Wildlife Area** – Type C areas – (Butte/Glenn/Colusa Counties) – Pine Creek, Jacinto, Shannon Slough, and Princeton Units. Access is mainly by boat except for the Shannon Slough Unit. The Sacramento River habitat is generally heavily wooded. Call DFG at (916) 358-2900.

**Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area** - Type A area - Little Dry Creek Unit , 11 miles west of Gridley on Gridley Colusa Hwy and turn right at the wildlife area entrance to the self-registration check station. **No Su/Sa planted.** Howard Slough Unit, 11 miles west of Highway 99 on Highway 162 and turn right on ZZ Road for 1 mile to the self-registration check station. **Su/Sa NE of both parking lots 1 and 2, a plot at the N end of the Unit and a plot SE of parking lot 3.** Llano Seco Unit, 13 miles west of Hwy 99

and turn right on Z Road/7 Mile Road for 7 miles to the self-registration check station on the left. **Two (Upper Butte Basin WA, con't) Su/Sa between parking lots 1 and 2 and a plot N of parking lot 2.** Entry for late season dove hunting on Sat., Sun., and Wed., controlled by waterfowl permit regulations. Call (530) 982-2169 for more info. Pick up maps at the check stations.

**Oroville Wildlife Area** (10,000 acres) - Type C area - West of Oroville on Highway 162, **Several Sa/Su plots were planted around the Thermalito Afterbay on both sides of Highway 162,** (530) 538-2236.

**Spenceville Wildlife Area** (11,213 acres) - Type C area - East of Marysville on Highway 20 about 18 miles and turn right on Smartville Road for 1 mile. **Many acres of Sa/Su planted this year. Two plots south and 1 plot north of Long Ravine Road; one plot south of Spenceville Road and west of Jones road, 2 plots near Horseshoe Pond. Four smaller plots were planted in other locations.**

**Gray Lodge Wildlife Area** (9200 acres) - Type A area - 10 miles east of Live Oak on Pennington and Almond Orchard Roads, (530) 846-7500. **Hunting is good near the 12 safflower and sunflower plots and in abandoned orchards. For early dove season, sign in at the self-registration booth located at Pennington and Rutherford roads where maps are located.** Entry for late season dove hunting on Sat., Sun., and Wed., is controlled by waterfowl permit regulations.

**Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area** (3766 acres) - Type C area - 10 miles west of Yuba City via Highway 20 or Franklin Road or Oswald Road or Highway 113. (Look for the privately owned safflower or wheat fields adjacent to the Sutter Bypass Levee.) You must stay on the Sutter Bypass levee to hunt doves. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

**Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area** (1,248 acres) – Type C area – 1 1/2 miles north of Colusa on River Road. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

**Feather River Wildlife Area** (2200 acres in 5 separate properties) - Type C areas -10-15 miles south of Yuba City and Marysville. **Abbott Lake and the O'Connor Lakes Units** are south of Yuba City on Garden Highway at the end of Star Bend Road. **The Nelson Slough Unit** is under the Highway 99 Bridge near Nicolaus. **Seven Sa plots were planted on the Nelson Slough Unit.** The **Star Bend and Lake of the Woods Units** are south of Marysville on Feather River Boulevard and accessible from the Star Bend Fishing Access. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

**Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area** (2,357 acres) - 21 miles east of Marysville via Hwy 20, Marysville Road and Dolan Harding Road, DFG Region 2 at (916) 358-2900.

**Auburn State Recreation Area** (30,000 acres) - South of Interstate 80 near Auburn. Dept. of Parks and Recreation (530) 885-4527/ 988-0205.

**Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area** (3,700 acres) - 3 miles east of Davis and 4 miles west of West Sacramento of Interstate 80. From east bound I-80 take East Chiles Road exit and travel east 1/4 mile to the west levee access. From west bound I-80, take Frontage Road exit immediately west to the west end of the Yolo Causeway, turn right at the stop sign and head south under freeway to west levee access. **No SA planted due to lack of funding.** DFG, Region 2 at (916) 358-2900 or (530) 757-2461.

**White Slough Wildlife Area** (880 acres) - Seven miles west of Lodi. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

**New Hogan Lake** (400 acres available for hunting) - 30 miles east of Stockton. Army Corps of Engineers (209) 772-1343.

**New Melones Lake** (25,000 acres) - 25 miles east of Oakdale. Bureau of Reclamation (209) 536-9094

## **COASTAL AREA**

Dove hunting in the north and central portions of the Central Coast Region is generally fair because cold weather before the Sept. 1 opener sends many doves south. If we are lucky and do not have the cold period, however, dove hunting can be good to excellent.

**Cache Creek Wildlife Area** (3,860 acres of DFG land) and **Cache Creek Management Area** (70,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake, Yolo, and Colusa Counties - From Williams on I-5, go west about 33 miles on Highway 20 to the parking lot on the south side of the highway. This parking lot is also about 8 miles east of Clearlake Oaks. DFG at (707) 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at (707) 468-4000.

**Indian Valley Wildlife Area** (4,990 acres of DFG land) and **Indian Valley Management Area** (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Colusa Counties - About 27 miles west of Williams or 14 miles east of Clearlake Oaks on Highway 20 turn north on Walker Ridge Road. DFG at 707 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at 707 468-4000

**Cow Mountain Recreation Area** (60,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Mendocino Counties - Access from Ukiah (about 8-10 miles): Highway 101 to Talmadge Road to East Side Road to Mill Creek Road to the Recreation Area. Access from Lakeport: Take 11<sup>th</sup> St. exit from Highway 29 west to Scotts Valley Road, then left on Riggs Road to Scotts Creek Road and the Recreation Area. BLM Ukiah office at 707 468-4000.

**Mendocino National Forest** - U.S. Forest Service at 530 934-3316.

**Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, Wingo and Huichica Units** - Six miles south of Sonoma - Wingo Unit is on Millerex Road and the Huichica Creek Unit is on Buchli Station Road. Call DFG at 707 944-5500.

## SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

**A. The following wildlife areas will be open to dove hunting throughout the legal season without reservation or quota. Sign in at the self-registration booth. The number of hunters to each area will not be regulated - Little Panoche Reservoir, San Luis Reservoir, Dos Amigos WA, Upper and Lower Cottonwood Creek WAs.**

**B. The following San Joaquin Valley wildlife areas have a quota or drawing:**

**Winton – Juniors only.** This area is located approximately 6 miles north of Winton, adjacent to the Merced River. Forty acres of safflower was grown by a private landowner for a special **juniors only** dove hunt. One hunt is scheduled for opening day (Sept. 1), from 12:00 p.m. to sunset. Accommodates 40 hunters. **Hunt A:** September 1, afternoon.

**Los Banos Wildlife Area** will have two designated hunt areas on opening day, September 1, with a total hunter capacity of 100. The remainder of the area will be open to provide hunting for non-reservation hunters. Total capacity of the area will be 300 hunters. The area will remain open for birding, sightseeing, fishing, frogging, and dog training. However, camping will be restricted to the main parking lot Saturday, August 31. The hunt is as follows: **Hunt Q:** September 1.

**Salt Slough Unit of the North Grasslands Wildlife Area** will be divided into three sections (northern, center and southern sections) with reservations being issued for 160 hunters for September 1. Section selection will be made at the check station. Any space available at one-half hour before legal shoot time will be filled by non-reservation hunters. Section quotas will be filled until 12:00 p.m., after 12:00 p.m. the area will be open to free roam hunting. **Hunt R:** September 1.

**China Island Unit of North Grasslands Wildlife Area.** Reservations are not issued or required for September 1. Quota for dove hunting will be 300 hunters.

**O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area** will be limited to 75 hunters on September 1, with all permits issued by a lottery drawing that morning at the parking lot two hours before shoot time. Refills will be allowed as persons leave the area. The area will be open everyday during the September dove season.

**Volta Wildlife Area** will be closed to all dove hunting.

**For maps or a San Joaquin Valley Wing Beat News subscription with info about these lands and other hunts, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Los Banos Wildlife Area, at (209) 826-0463.**

### How to Apply for the San Joaquin Valley Dove Hunts

To be eligible for the drawing, hunters must submit in writing their choice of hunts listed in order of preference. Applications may include up to three hunters applying as a party. Applications may not include more than 2 adults and one junior or one adult and two junior hunters. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for yourself and your guest(s): (1) hunt area (i.e. Los Banos [Q]), (2) name, (3) address, (4) daytime and evening telephone number, (5) 2003-2004 hunting license number and (6) if you have a mobility impairment and need special accommodations.

Hunters may only apply once, either as an applicant or as a guest for each area and hunt period. Applying for the same hunt area and period more than once will disqualify you from the drawing. Please make your selection(s) carefully. Changes cannot be made after the drawing. Hunters will be selected by a random computerized drawing for one hunt only. Applications must be returned to: **San Joaquin Valley Dove Hunts, DFG, 1234 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710.**

Applications must be received by Friday, August 8, at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing. Only successful applicants will be notified and supplied with additional information about their hunt. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older). An Upland Game Bird stamp is required of all hunters, except junior license holders. This information and application can be found by visiting the Department's web page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>.

## Adults Remember To Purchase

### An Upland Game Stamp



An Upland Game Stamp costing \$6.30 is required for all adult license holders who hunt pheasant, turkey, dove, pigeon, snipe, grouse, ptarmigan, quail, partridge or chukar. Junior license holders are NOT required to purchase the Upland Game Bird Stamp, but must have a Harvest Information Survey stamp (free).

Under the Game Bird Heritage Program, funds generated from the sale of this stamp have provided a dedicated source of funding for promoting and enhancing upland game hunting opportunities and access to both private and public lands in California. Additionally, Game Bird Heritage provides the funding for the employees, material and postage for "Wing Beat News".

## **Cosumnes River Preserve Dove Hunt**

**When:** Monday, Sept. 1 and Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003

**Where:** Dillard Road and Hwy 99 between Elk Grove and Galt

**How:** This is a permitted hunt. Send a postcard to Dept. of Fish and Game, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, with the name, address, phone #, and license numbers for up to 4 hunters with the name "Cosumnes Preserve" and one or both dates that you would like to hunt. Applications must be in by August 13, 2003. The area is a mix of forest, weeds and agricultural fields.

## **2003 Gamebird Heritage Junior, Women's, Family, Mobility Impaired, and Wild Bird Hunts – Northern California**

Some of the Northern California Special Pheasant Hunts available this fall are listed on the GAME BIRD HERITAGE SPECIAL HUNT APPLICATION in this **Summer Wing Beat News**. More hunts in Northern California will be listed in the **Fall WBN**.

**We would like to bring your attention to the Yuba Co. Fish and Game Commission, Yuba-Sutter Dept. of Fish and Game, and Sutter Co. Fish and Game Commission: Junior, Women's, and Mobility Impaired Hunts on October 18-19, 25-26, and Nov. 1-2, 2003.** All of these hunts take place at the Nelson Slough Wildlife Area under the Highway 99 bridge near Nicolaus. Nelson Slough WA is about 25 miles north of Sacramento and 20 miles south of Yuba City on Highway 99. Due to the generosity of the Sutter and Yuba County Fish and Game Commissions, and many individuals, there is a large number of hunting opportunities available. All of these Nelson Slough WA hunts are planted with pheasants. **Planted pheasants are bigger and slower flying than wild pheasants, making them easier game for new hunters. The mobility impaired hunt for junior hunters on Nov 1 and 2 is designed for wheel chair bound junior hunters who can shoot a shotgun. Women hunters can hunt fields with other women or with their offspring.**

The Gray Lodge WA, Little Dry Creek WA and Llano Seco WA junior hunts are wild pheasant hunts. The Oroville WA, and Yolo Bypass WA junior hunts have planted pheasants. The Birds Limited mobility impaired hunt for any disabled hunter near Pleasant Grove (20 miles north of Sacramento) is by appointment (530 823-9310). The Southeast Fremont Weir Public Wild Pheasant Hunt in Yolo County is open to any applicant. **See this edition of Wing Beat News for the application, a copy will also be available on our web page at [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov). Start your planning now!**

## **2002 Dove Opener Results Upper Butte Basin, Spenceville, Oroville/ Thermalito , Gray Lodge, Consumnes River Preserve and Yolo Wildlife Areas**

September 1, 2002	# Hunters	# Doves	Average
Little Dry Creek	Not Available		
Howard Slough	*75	*375	*5.0
Llano Seco	90	556	6.18
Spenceville	337	1016	3.01
Oroville/Thermalito	101	187	1.86
Gray Lodge	318	524	1.6
Consumnes River			
Preserve	41	202	4.9
Yolo Bypass	125	275	2.2
*Estimate			

## **VOLUNTEERS WITH TRAINED BIRD DOGS NEEDED**

**When: Oct. 18, 19, 25, 26 and Nov. 1 & 2**

**What and Where: Junior Pheasant Hunts at the Nelson Slough Wildlife Area 25 miles north of Sacramento on Hwy 99.**

Last year the Yuba and Sutter County Fish and Game Commissions **doubled** the number of pheasants purchased and the number of opportunities for juniors, women and mobility impaired hunters. This unprecedented hunting opportunity close to Sacramento is made possible because many sportspersons have volunteered themselves and their bird dogs to help the many young hunters without dogs. The Fish and Game Commissions try to match a volunteer and dog with every young hunter without a dog. The young hunters have been very appreciative and the volunteers know that they are helping to hand our hunting heritage to the next generation. Your help is needed.

If you would like to help, even though you may not know what dates you are available, please call DFG Biologist Dale Whitmore at (530) 743-5068 and leave you name and phone number.

## **Possible Change to Regulation Printing in 2003**

In light of the budget shortfall that all State agencies are facing, there will be a few changes ahead for the operations of Fish and Game as well as all other State agencies. Please stay in touch with your local license sales vendor as well as check the following website: [http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fg\\_comm/regs.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fg_comm/regs.html) for the result of how the regulations will be printed and distributed this year. **The traditional booklet form we have used for all Fish and Game regulations will probably not be printed.** One of the scenarios to replace these booklets is a 2-sided flyer, similar to the one that is printed for the early upland game birds ie; dove, sage grouse, for waterfowl, upland game, mammal and furbearers. The final decision had not been made by press time, but checking the website above or with your local license agent will be the best way to get the latest news. Thanks for your patience as we work

# ***Gray Squirrel Hunting***

Squirrels live in lots of places in California. Learning a little about the ecology of squirrels will allow you to better understand where and how to hunt squirrels. Several species of tree squirrel occur in California, however only the Western Grey Squirrel provides extensive and worthwhile hunting and eating opportunity. They are fairly common in mature stands of most conifer, hardwood and mixed hardwood conifer habitats throughout California. They are also found in riparian woodlands along the many Central Valley rivers. They require hollow trees or will build a stick nest. Food varies seasonally, however acorns are an important summer, fall and winter food. Grey squirrels are non migratory and home ranges vary from about .5 to 2.5 acres in size.

**Look around and under pine and nut trees.** Gnawed nut shells and other food debris will tell you if the tree is regularly inhabited. As nervous and alert as they are, the squirrels will see you before you see them. It is wise to enter an area quietly, get comfortable, and wait for the little creatures to accept you as part of the environment.

**What do you need to go squirrel hunting?** A shotgun of any gauge or a small caliber rifle like a .22 caliber semi-automatic. If you are new to squirrel hunting, a shotgun with number 6 shot is best. Shotguns are better as the squirrels tend to jump from tree to tree a lot, but the shot can be a problem when eating, the ultimate goal. Dress for the weather and bring food and water. Know where you are before you decide where to go. That way you will get back to your vehicle in time for dinner.

**Where to go?** In the central part of the state the best opportunity to hunt grey squirrels occurs on national forest land within the range of black oaks and mixed black oaks with conifers. This may be, depending on latitude, from about 2,000 to 6,000 feet in elevation. In the Sierras, Highways 120, 108, 4, 88, 50, 80, 20, 70 and 36 will all get you into tree squirrel habitats. In the Coast Range, try the Mendocino National Forest. They can also be found along the Central Valley rivers and oak woodlands. You can combine a squirrel hunting and mountain quail hunt when the seasons overlap.

Get your gear together, an ice chest to store your lunch and the squirrels you are going to bag and start looking. When you are sure you are where the squirrels are supposed to be, based on the habitat you are in, its time to go hunting.

Basically, you can stalk these critters or sit on a rock, tree stump or folding chair and wait. A combination of the two usually works best. Stalk till you find a concentration and then wait them out. Your chance will come when they can't sit still any longer. Pack some food and drink with you for it may be a little wait.

Once you've killed some squirrels, its time to clean them. Gut as soon as possible, skin and bag them. Keep them cool. Squirrel is normally very mild flavored and tender.

**Remember, in California the daily bag and possession limit for tree squirrels is 4 per day and 4 in possession.**

The **tree squirrel general season begins the second Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January (Sept. 13, 2003- Jan. 25, 2004)**. This applies to the counties of Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma,, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba, and that portion of Kern County lying east of Interstate 5.

Archery and Falconry Tree Squirrel Season and Area: Tree squirrels may be taken with bow and arrow or raptors only during the general tree squirrel season and as follows: the season in the counties of the Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake , Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne

and Yuba: and that portion of Kern lying east of Interstate 5 shall open on the first Saturday in August extending through the day before general tree squirrel season **(August 2 -Sept. 12, 2003)**.

The following is a list of public lands where squirrels are often found. Call the phone number for additional information and a map. Central Valley DFG wildlife areas are restricted to shotgun and archery hunting only.

## **PLACES TO HUNT**

**National Forests of California** - Check the Information Page for phone numbers of the National Forest Offices or for any forest map contact: U.S. Forest Service, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592 at (707) 562-8737 or w/a credit card call 530 647-5390. U.S. Forest Service maps are \$6 each. Plan a weekend and camp out at one of the many campgrounds.

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**Knoxville Area in Lake and Napa Counties:** Take Knoxville Devilhead Road off of Berryessa Knoxville Road just north of Knoxville. This is the only road into area. Access restricted to foot or horse traffic. BLM in Ukiah 707-462-3873.

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## ***Do It Yourself Wildlife Habitat By Dale Whitmore, Wildlife Biologist***

**Hunters and fishers have always been the first to take action when wildlife populations are falling due to illegal hunting or habitat destruction.** We are the first to do what needs to be done to improve habitat for the few dozen game species that are harvested and the tens of thousands of wildlife species that benefit when habitat is preserved or improved. We are also grateful for the hunting experiences that we enjoy and we like to "put back" in to the sport so that we and others can enjoy those outdoor experiences. I regularly work with individuals, aspiring eagle scouts, and sportspersons to improve habitat on both state wildlife areas and private lands. **If you or your group of sportsmen friends are interested in leading a one day small group project on a state wildlife area or if you want a parent-son/daughter project that can be done in your back yard, please consider the following projects.**

**Blue bird boxes** – This is your typical small bird box which is used by many small cavity nesting birds in addition to blue birds. Blue birds can be common in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Coast Range if there are enough hollow trees or bird boxes. These boxes are typically placed about 5 feet above the ground on fence posts on state wildlife areas like the Daugherty Hill or Spenceville Wildlife Areas.

**Wood duck boxes** – These large version bird boxes are being placed by the thousands throughout the Central Valley of California. Barn owls, tree squirrels, woodpeckers, and opossums are frequently found in these boxes. There is a desperate wildlife housing shortage in the wild lands of California because so many of the large trees have been removed for fire wood or safety reasons. The California Waterfowl Association annually collects information from hundreds of Californians checking these boxes every spring. There is a large, organized wood duck box monitoring program on many of the state and federal waterfowl areas, including the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, which need volunteers to build or maintain boxes.

**Bat boxes** – Any creature which will eat several thousand mosquitoes and other bugs in a night, should be getting more help than they currently are from people. Bat boxes have a series of slots at the box bottom which the bats fly up to and then climb into the narrow spaces to sleep during the day.

**Dove nest cones** – The dove nest cone is made of metal hardware cloth and provides a sturdy base upon which doves can build their nests. Doves readily nest in urban areas. Hanging planters, folded awnings, and rain gutters have all been used by this adaptable bird.

**Brush piles and rock piles** - Properly constructed brush piles and rock piles will provide cottontail rabbits with a place to hide themselves and their young to avoid predators; coveys of quail and flocks of songbirds congregate in the brush piles to avoid birds of prey. Lizards like rock piles because the rocks absorb heat during the day and stay warm at night. **Plans and tips for these projects are available by calling me at (530) 743-5068.**

# ***Sage Grouse Hunt Information***

The Department of Fish and Game is now accepting applications for annual Sage Grouse hunts. The final upland game bird hunting regulations will be adopted by the Fish and Game Commission on August 2, 2003, however, the *proposed* 2003 Sage Grouse hunting season is scheduled for September 13 and 14, 2003.

As in previous years, hunts are scheduled for portions of Lassen, Mono and Inyo Counties. In Lassen County, the proposed bag limit is two Sage Grouse per season. In the Mono and Inyo areas, the proposed bag limit is one grouse per season. There is plenty of public land available for hunting as much of sage grouse territory is made up of BLM land. Hunters are advised to bring plenty of water and be prepared for rugged terrain and hot, dry conditions.

In order to hunt sage grouse, hunters must be drawn for a sage grouse hunting permit. The permits are issued through a random drawing at the DFG's License and Revenue Branch. Hunters may apply for only one of the four sage grouse hunting zones (East Lassen, Central Lassen, North Mono and South Mono-Inyo). In addition, all sage grouse hunters are required to have an Upland Game Bird Stamp.

Sage grouse permit applications must be received at the License and Revenue Branch by 5:00pm, August 11, 2003. Hunters may apply for a sage grouse permit by sending a postcard with the required information to: the Department of Fish and Game, Sage Grouse Permit Drawing, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, California, 95816. Or the application is now available online, just go to the Fish and Game web page, License and Revenue Branch home page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing> and click on the "Sage Grouse Permit Drawing Application" link.

All applications must include the hunter's name, 2003/2004 California hunting license number, residence address and the hunt zone choice. Incomplete applications and those with invalid hunting license numbers will be disqualified.

Hunters may apply in parties of up to four, but each hunter needs to list his or her name, mailing address, and 2003/2004 hunting license number on the application. Each hunter may submit only one application for one hunt area.

Falconers may also apply for sage grouse permits but must write "Falconry Only" on their applications. Check current regulations after the August Commission meeting for season dates. (normally Nov-Jan)

Hunters wanting more information about sage grouse permit drawings can contact Glenn Underwood at (916) 227-2268.

## ***Junior Hunters (Dads/Moms, too) - Start Your Hunt Plans Now***

There will be many special junior pheasant hunting opportunities for you this fall. Now is the time to get started with preparation. Here are a few tips:

1. If you haven't completed your hunter education course, check this Wing Beat News for a list of classes in your area. If you can't find a class, check the telephone yellow pages and call your local sporting goods store, shooting range, or city recreation department as they often give classes.
2. If you have completed the hunter education course, remember that cottontail rabbit season begins on July 1. Many of the state wildlife areas are open for rabbit hunting. You should take a trip to a wildlife area to find out where it is located and what it looks like. For a free copy of the Wildlife Area Map Booklet for northern California call the DFG at (16) 358-2900. Leave your name and mailing address with the folks there or on their answering machine and they will get one mailed to you.
3. If you don't have a location to practice shooting, check the yellow pages under "GUNS" for the location of shooting ranges in your area.
4. There is a fantastic hunting opportunity for junior hunters looking for a great 'shot' at bagging pheasants. Sutter County Fish and Game Commission and DFG sponsor a junior pheasant hunt which includes a fantastic planted bird hunt with group hunt supervisors. Scheduled for the three weekends before the pheasant season opener, these morning and afternoon hunts offer a total hunter capacity of 520 total junior hunters. The cover is native upland vegetation, and these hunts will be fun for experienced hunters and a terrific hunt for first-timers. The bird average has been 1.7 birds per hunter for several years. With plenty of birds planted per hunter, even if your junior does not bag as many pheasants as you might hope, there is more than enough shooting opportunity to provide them with a memorable experience.

This hunt rarely fills each hunt time slot. You must have a reservation, so we would like to encourage you to be ready to apply soon. The Yuba Co. and Sutter Co. Fish and Game Commission and DFG want as many hunters as possible to participate.

With this hunt and the many more planned for the Fall, start your plans now in regards to hunter safety courses, gear purchasing and of course lots of target practice. The schedule for all of the special hunts offered to juniors, women and families will be posted on our DFG homepage ([dfg.ca.gov](http://dfg.ca.gov)) and in the Fall issue of Wing Beat News.

5. If you did not receive this copy of the Sacramento Valley Wing Beat News in the mail, send your name and mailing address to Dept. of Fish and Game, 3207 Rutherford Road, Gridley, CA 95948 to be placed on the mailing list. You will be notified in the fall issue of the many junior pheasant hunts which will be available.

## ***Attention: G1 and C4 Deer Tag Holders!***

The **Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve**, located near Chico, and the California Department of Fish & Game, offers hunting opportunities for deer, quail and turkey. The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve is private property, owned by the Bidwell Environmental Institute, Research Foundation. The mission of the reserve is to preserve critical habitat and provide a natural area for environmental research and education. As part of the purchase agreement, the Research Foundation cooperatively developed a program with the California Department of Fish and Game to allow hunting and fishing. Hunting and fishing is allowed on the reserve by permit only. This program provides a unique opportunity to gain access to property that would otherwise be closed to the general public.

Our goal is to provide a high quality hunting experience. In order to maintain this high quality, we limit the number of hunt days and number of hunters on the reserve at any given time. To insure that all interested parties get an equal chance for a hunting date, a random lottery system is used. All interested hunters and fisherman can call 530-891-1065 for an application package. Please take note of the deadline dates in the package.

All hunters must have a valid California hunting license, deer tags and/or bird stamps before applying for any hunt on the BCCER. All California Fish and Game Code laws apply.

Each person is allowed one application as the primary applicant, per hunt period. Each primary applicant is allowed up to two guests, who may hunt or observe. Hunters who are guests on one application are allowed to apply as the primary applicant on a separate application. Hunters are not allowed to submit multiple applications, as the primary applicant, for the same hunt date. Doing so will result in disqualification from the drawing process.

### ***Deer***

The BCCER offers a unique opportunity to hunt deer in a setting that is becoming more and more uncommon in California. The reserve straddles Big Chico Creek, one of the southernmost drainages of the Cascade Range. The topography is steep, characteristic of the rim-rock, volcanic canyons of this part of the range. The vegetation is varied, with open oak woodlands, areas of heavy brush and cover, and a mature riparian zone along the creek. During the early part of the season it can be quite hot and dry. Hunters should be prepared for the heat and should be in top physical condition.

In order to hunt deer on the reserve, hunters must first purchase a deer tag through the California Department of Fish and Game. There are two deer tags that can be used on the BCCER, the regular season C4 tag and the late season G1 tag. In order to apply to hunt on the BCCER you must already have your deer tag **BEFORE** you apply. The C4 tags are available through either the DFG tag drawing or over the counter at DFG in Sacramento (note-the C4 tags sell out every year, which means you need to get them early. Usually, the C4 tag quota is met sometime in early August). For the G1 tags, you must be drawn in the premium tag drawing in June. Once you have your tag, you can then apply for the BCCER drawing. Each drawing is for a specific hunt period.

For the C4 hunt, all hunt periods are two days long. Every hunt period will fall on either a Friday and Saturday or a Sunday and Monday. For the G1 season, hunters who are drawn will have hunting access on the reserve for all nine days of the season.

The drawing for deer and quail hunts will be a public drawing open to anyone who would like to attend. The drawing will be held at the reserve on August 25, and will be part of an open house for hunters and sportsman interested in the reserve. For more information, call the ...**Hunter information phone number 530-891-1065**. Hunters need not attend the drawing in order to be drawn. You will be notified by mail if you have been drawn to hunt. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.

### ***Special G1 Auction Hunts***

As a means of fundraising for the reserve, the University Research Foundation will be selling a limited number of trespass permits for the G1 deer season. These will be in addition to the regular public lottery permits. These permits will allow hunters to hunt the entire G1 season. Any hunter who has a G1 tag may apply to purchase one of these permits. Application will be made with a sealed bid. The minimum bid will be \$500.00. There are seven of these permits available. Please refer all inquires to the California Deer Association. All proceeds will be donated to the reserve for wildlife habitat projects and improving the public hunting program. Deadline to receive bids will be August 25, 2003. Send bids to:

**California Deer Association-Chico Chapter, P.M.B. 211/236 W. East Ave. Ste. A, Chico, Ca. 95926 or email to CDaproject@aol.com**

### ***Quail***

Quail hunting on the reserve begins Dec. 1 and goes through the end of the regular season in January. There are some changes to quail hunting on the reserve for the 2003-4 season. Quail hunt periods will be seven days long. Hunters who are drawn to hunt quail can hunt any 2 of the seven days. This system is designed to give hunters flexibility in the event of unfavorable weather. Last season, we found that many hunt dates had to be cancelled due to rainy weather. We feel that by giving hunters the option to choose their hunting days during the seven day hunt window, more hunters will be able to get in and enjoy the outstanding quail hunting on the reserve. There will be a \$35.00 fee for hunters who have been drawn. **Hunters will have to submit payment within 5 business days. If payment is not received, the reservation will be given to the next alternate on the list.** Also new for this season, we have developed an agreement with one of the adjacent land owners to allow hunters access to the reserve through his property. This will give hunters better access to the best quail hunting areas at the top of the canyons and will provide better access during wet weather.



# GAME BIRD HERITAGE SPECIAL HUNT APPLICATION

California Department of Fish & Game  
Sacramento Valley Central Sierra Region

Please check the boxes below for the hunts you would like to apply for. You may apply for any hunt and any dates but you will only be drawn for one hunt per date. This application contains all the hunts in Region 2 except for the Delta Islands hunts ([www.deltadfg.ca.gov](http://www.deltadfg.ca.gov)).

This section must be complete to qualify for the drawing. You may apply as a party of up to four, as long as all hunter's names and hunting licenses appear.

Contact Address & Phone #:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## JUNIOR HUNTS

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
Gray Lodge WA	25	Nov. 15	Oct. 29	
Oroville WA	50	Nov. 22 am	Oct. 29	
	50	Nov. 22 pm	Oct. 29	
Little Dry Creek	20	Nov. 15	Oct. 29	
	50	Nov. 16	Oct. 29	
Llano Seco	25	Dec. 14	Nov. 30	
Sierra Valley (Headwaters Honker Preserve)	20	Oct. 18 am	Oct. 1	
	20	Oct. 18 pm	Oct. 1	
	20	Oct. 19 am	Oct. 1	
Yuba Co. FGC	65	Oct. 18	Sep. 30	
	65	Oct. 19	Sep. 30	
Yuba-Sutter DFG	65	Oct. 25 am	Oct. 7	
	65	Oct. 25 pm	Oct. 7	
	65	Oct. 26 am	Oct. 7	
	65	Oct. 26 pm	Oct. 7	
Sutter FGC	65	Nov. 1 am	Oct. 14	
	65	Nov. 1 pm	Oct. 14	
	65	Nov. 2 am	Oct. 14	
	65	Nov. 2 pm	Oct. 14	
Yolo	25	Nov. 15	Oct. 29	

## WOMEN'S HUNTS

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
Sierra Valley (Green Gulch Rc.)	15	Oct. 18 am	Oct. 8	
	15	Oct. 18 pm	Oct. 8	
Yuba Co. FGC	65	Oct. 18	Sept. 30	
	65	Oct. 19	Sept. 30	
Yuba-Sutter DFG	65	Nov. 1 am	Oct. 14	
	65	Nov. 1 pm	Oct. 14	
	65	Nov. 2 am	Oct. 14	
	65	Nov. 2 pm	Oct. 14	

## WILD BIRD PUBLIC HUNT

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
South East Fremont Weir	40	Nov. 8	Oct. 22	
	40	Nov. 12	Oct. 29	
	40	Nov. 15	Oct. 29	
	40	Nov. 19	Nov. 5	
	40	Nov. 22	Nov. 5	
	40	Nov. 26	Nov. 12	
	40	Nov. 29	Nov. 12	
	40	Dec. 3	Nov. 19	
	40	Dec. 6	Nov. 19	

## FAMILY HUNT

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
Little Dry Creek	50	Nov. 9	Oct. 22	

## MOBILITY IMPAIRED HUNTS

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
Sutter Yuba	65	October 25 pm ( <i>Juniors</i> )	Oct. 7	
Birds Ltd.		By appt.	530-823-9310	

**Mail to: Department of Fish and Game  
 GBH Special Hunts  
 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A,  
 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
 For Questions Call: 916-358-2877**

Definitions- Junior: A person who purchased a CA hunting license while under the age of 16. Woman: Any female with a CA hunting license. Public: Any one with a CA hunting license. Mobility Impaired-Any CA hunting license holder with a mobility impairment (unless specified for juniors). Family- Any party of two or more, preferably with at least 1 junior.

# Hunter Education Training Schedule

Persons interested in going hunting this fall should be making plans now to take their required hunter safety course. Hunter education courses must include at least 10 hours of training in both hunter safety and wildlife conservation. Some courses also include shooting practice at a range. Volunteers teach the courses and may charge a fee of up to \$10 per person. For upcoming courses contact any of the applicable numbers below or the following numbers for your area. No. California and No. Coast Region (530) 225-2003; Sacramento Valley and Central Sierra Region (916) 351-0833; Central Coast Region (707) 944-5576; San Joaquin Valley and So. Sierra Region (209) 243-4027; or So. California Region (562) 590-5670.

Hunter safety courses are also offered through local sporting goods stores, city or county recreation departments, shooting ranges or other hunting related businesses. The following is a list of classes already scheduled for the areas shown.

## Northern Calif. – North Coast Region

Arcata	707-822-3096	Bob Fallis	Portola	530-832-5372	Sylvia Olsen
	707-445-6493	Call Eureka DFG	Chester	530-258-2415	Dave Gonyer
		office for area class info		Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup>	or
Crescent City	707-464-7157	Don Kelly	Quincy	530-596-4115	George Orloff
Crescent City	707-464-6101 x 5151		Rio Linda	530-283-1378	Harry Howsden
		Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> Ken Morse		916-991-5929	Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>
Crescent City	707-464-6181	Mario DeSolenni	Rio Linda Rec Center		
		Home Study periodically based on enrollment	Rocklin	916-632-4100	Brett Mattix
Eureka	707-443-6328	Monthly dates vary-Brad Smith	Rocklin Community Services		
Red Bluff	530-528-8819	August & Oct. class-Bob Barney	Willows	530-934-2638	John Hays
Redding	530-225-1025	Marshall Jones	Diamond Springs	530-622-3794	Bill Adams
	\$10.00 in advance payable at Firearms Institute		Diamond Springs Fire Dept.		Aug. 13, 15, 20, 22, Oct. 8, 10, 15, 17
Redding-Home Study	530-225-2300	Monthly			
		pick up packet at DFG office, 601 Locust St., Redding	<b>Alameda County</b>		
Susanville	530-251-2136	Cliff Bannister	Castro Valley	510-569-0213	Chabot Gun Club
		Home Study - Call for dates		First Saturday of every month-	
Corning	530-824-5616	Theron Morris	C.V. & Livermore	925-216-7269	Neal Kernes
Redway	707-599-2987	Larry Bruckenstein		On-going home study classes	
<b>Sacramento Valley - Central Sierra Region</b>			Livermore	925-447-6682	Lorrie Ambrosino
Auburn & Lincoln	530-878-6937	Monthly		Livermore Rod & Gun	
Rancho Cordova	916-351-0538	Monthly	San Leandro	510-638-9605	Monthly
West Sacramento	916-373-5860	Monthly		San Leandro Optimist Club	
Stockton	209-937-8206	Monthly	Dublin	925- 828-6416	Buck Buchanan
	209-823-7919	Monthly		Four classes per year	
			Hayward	510-785-4868	Ray Hedval
				Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> , Wilderness Unlimited	
			Oakland	510-614-8805	Monthly- Dave Cole
			<b>Contra Costa County</b>		
			Concord	Register in person	Pete Margiotta
				Sept. class-United Sportsman, Inc. Register at 4770	
				Evora Rd., Concord	
			Concord	925-685-5437	Cliff Ames
				Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> -Concord Sportsman Inc.	
			Martinez	925-372-9599	August 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> ,
				19 <sup>th</sup> & September 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> -Martinez Gun Club-	
				Sign up at gun club 900 Waterbird Way	
			Brentwood	925-625-4347	Aug. 30-31,
				Sept, 20 <sup>th</sup> 21, Oct. 25-26, Nov. 15-16	Chris/Rod Jenneiham
			<b>San Francisco County</b>		
			San Francisco	650-588-0924	John Brusco
				Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> – Pacific Rod & Gun Club	
			<b>San Mateo County</b>		
			San Mateo	650-343-1280	Don Del Grande
				Coyote Point Shooting Range	
			So San Francisco	510-713-8907	Bill Tidwell
				Aug. 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> , Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27	Jackson Arms
			<b>Santa Clara County</b>		
			Morgan Hill	408-842-7578	Aug.-Nov. classes
				Coyote Valley Sporting Clays	
			San Jose	408-972-2360	Sol Silverstein
				Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> -Santa Clara Field Sports Park	
				Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> -Sunnyvale Rod & Gun Club	
			Milpitas	408-263-7468	Randy McLeod
				Target Masters West	
			Santa Clara	408-970-9870	Monthly
				Reed's Indoor Range	

**Santa Cruz County**

Aptos 408-662-3252 Darryl Lovato

Aptos Library

Santa Cruz 831-423-0546 Gary Lease

Watsonville 831-772-4812 Bob Wilt

**Solano County**

Vallejo 707-642-9094 Warren Madison

Aug.-Nov. classes

Suisun 707-425-2618 Salvatore DiMarco

Aug.-Oct. classes

Vacaville 707-449-4867 Shooting Gallery

Typically first Sat. ea. month

**Napa/Sonoma County**

Sonoma 707-938-5473 Sam Grow

Aug. &amp; Oct. class. Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Sign up @ Sonoma Sports 201 W. Napa St.

Napa 707-648-0410 Sept-Nov classes.

Sign up at Darwins Gun Exchange

Napa Rifle &amp; Pistol Club-Sam Grow

707-253-4637 Deputy Don Stanley

Classes pending-Napa County Sheriff

Healdsburg 707-431-3377 Officer Steve Moore

Healdsburg Police Dept.

Petaluma 707-769-8235 Henry Hernandez

Black Point Sporting Clays

Santa Rosa 707-543-3737 Bob Biondi

Steele Lane Recreation &amp; Parks

**San Benito County**

Paicines 800-209-5175 Rock Spgs Ranch

Call for dates

**Lake County**

Hidden Valley 707-987-8180 Classes pending

Lakeport 707-263-1585 Phil Phillips

Upper Lake 707-275-3354 Clifford Schick

When enough sign up

707-275-9304 Joe Diaz

When enough sign up

**Marin County**

San Rafael 707-769-8235 July-Nov. classes

Bullseye Shooting Range

Aug.-Nov classes-Henry Hernandez

**Mendocino County**

Ukiah 707-485-0297 Ukiah Elks Club

Richard Turner

707-463-0434 Robert Fuchs

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> Ukiah Gun Club**Monterey County**

Hollister 831-679-5965 Jim Miller

Aug. &amp; November

Salinas 831-663-3224 Bob Monahan

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> -

Prunedale 831-663-3224 Bob Monahan

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> -

Hunter-Leggett 831-386-2522 Alfonso Sanson

Carmel 831-626-6586 Geoff Malloway

Carmel Associated Sportsmen

**San Luis Obispo County**

Atascadero 805-461-5624 Jim Berman

Sept. 22, 23, 25 &amp; 27 Santa Lucia Sportsmen's Assoc.

San Luis Obispo 805-541-3338 Bill Plummer

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> -San Luis Obispo Sportsmen's Assoc.

805-543-0429 Madelene Farris

Classes held when enough students sign up.

Cambria/Paso Robles 805-238-4236 Todd Tognazzini

Classes held when enough students sign up.

Paso Robles 805-226-9834 Dennis Doberneck

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>.Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25 Paso Robles Rec Facility

San Miguel 805-467-3209 Frank Nations

Aug. &amp; Sept. San Miguel Lion's Club

Santa Maria 805-937-2442 Jim Banakus

Sept. 8, 9, 10 &amp; Oct. 6, 7, 8. - Santa Maria Gun Club

**Bowhunting Classes**

Challenge 530-534-0977 Darryl McElmurry

Yuba City 530-671-9250 Chuck Wyllie &amp;

or Gene Kreb

530-751-7767 Joe Becker

Stockton 209-463-8860 John Watters

Grass Valley 530-268-3549 Dave Deacon

Esparto 530-787-3259 Marshall Myers

Roseville 916-723-6792 Robert Moore

Rocklin 916-635-6759 Jim Williams

or 916-630-8700 Wilderness Archery

## Free Lists Available from the License and Revenue Branch

You can obtain free lists of California licensed guides, including big game hunting guides, bird hunting guides, fishing guides and others, including back packing and photographing guides. If you are planning a trip in California, this list will give you access to experienced anglers and hunters to help make your trip enjoyable and successful. There is also a list of domesticated game breeders who have stock for sale. To order your list, contact the DFG customer service desk at 916 227-2271; or you may access these lists yourself on the Fish and Game webpage at [www.dfg.ca.gov/license/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/license/).

## Free Fishing Instruction Clinics!

**Fri Aug 15 6PM - 8PM Howe Park**  
(Howe Ave. & Cottage Way in Sacramento)

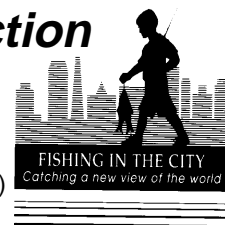
**Fri Aug 22 6PM - 8PM Hagan Park**  
(End of Chase Dr., off Coloma Rd. in Rancho Cordova)

**Sat. Sept 27 8:30 - Noon William Land Park**  
**Free Fishing Day** (Land Park Drive across from Sacramento Zoo)

**For More Information Call: (916) 358-2872**

## Ponds Stocked with Catfish Free Loan (for 50) of Rods, Bait & Tackle

Anglers 16 years old or older need a fishing license to fish in California except on the *Free Fishing Days* listed



## September 2003



- 1 First half of dove hunting season opens. [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov)
- ? Junior Dove Hunt, Winton, Merced County. (559) 243-4005 ext 132
- ? Wister Wildlife Area Volunteer Work Day, Imperial County. 8am-noon. Free (760) 359-0577 [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov)
- 13 Dance in the Wild, Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento County. \$ (916)
- 14-15 Modoc Migratory Bird and Wildlife Festival, Modoc County. Free (530) 233-3572 [www.riverexchange.org](http://www.riverexchange.org)
- ? Upper Sacramento River Clean Up, Siskiyou County. Free (530) 235-2012 [www.riverexchange.org](http://www.riverexchange.org)
- 20 Upper Newport Bay Estuary Cleanup Day, Orange County. 9am-1pm. Free (949) 640-6746
- 20 National Public Lands Day, Across the State. Free (202) 833-2933 x474 [www.npld.com](http://www.npld.com)
- 27-29 Turkey Vulture, Raptor & Fall Migration Festival, Kern County. (760) 378-4013
- 27 Brushup Day, Sacramento & Delevan National Wildlife Refuges, Glenn County. Free (530) 934-2801
- 27 Statewide Free Fishing Day, Department of Fish and Game (916) 358-2872, (415) 892-0460, (562) 590-4835, (559) 243-1462
- 27 Oroville Salmon Festival, Butte County. Free (530) 538-2542
- TBA Youth Waterfowl Hunt in northeastern zone, tentatively the weekend prior to the opening of regular season. Call for the dates and details. (530) 225-2300

## October 2003

- 4 Tarantula Fest and Fall BBQ, Santa Clara. \$ (408) 848-4006 [www.coepark.parks.org](http://www.coepark.parks.org)
- 4-5 Trinity County Salmon Festival, Trinity County. \$ (530) 623-2760 [www.tcart.com](http://www.tcart.com)
- 5-6 Kokanee Salmon Festival, El Dorado County. Free (530) 573-2674 [www.r5.fs.fed.us/lbmu/](http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/lbmu/)
- 13-19 National Wildlife Refuge Week, <http://pacific.fws.gov> <http://refuges.fws.gov>  
<http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov>
- 11 Crane Tour Day at Merced NWR, Merced County. Free (209) 826-3508  
<http://sanluis.fws.gov>
- 11-12 American River Salmon Festival, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 361-8700  
[www.salmonfestival.net](http://www.salmonfestival.net)
- 19 Truckee River Day, Nevada County. Free (530) 265-4531 [www.r5.fs.fed.us/tahoe](http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/tahoe)
- 18 Return of the Salmon Festival, Shasta County. Free (530) 225-2566 [www.r1.fws.gov](http://www.r1.fws.gov)
- ? Headwater Honker Preserve Junior Pheasant Hunt, Plumas County. (916) 358-2877
- TBA Junior Waterfowl Hunts at Lower Klamath NWR, Siskiyou County 2nd and 3rd Saturdays after season starts. 1 pm (530) 667-2231



## Free Northern California Wildlife Area Map Booklet

**Free maps** for the following public lands **are available after August 15** at 1) Dept. of Fish and Game, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, 2) DFG Licenses, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 or by calling (916) 358-2900, mention free map booklet and leave your mailing address on the recorder. The following maps are available as a booklet: Tehama WA-Tehama Co., Sacramento River WA - Glenn/Butte/Colusa Co., White Slough WA - San Joaquin Co., New Hogan Lake - Calaveras Co., Oroville WA - Butte Co., Putah Creek WA - Solano Co., Indian Valley WA - Colusa/Lake Co., Black Butte Lake - Tehama/Glenn Co., Abbott/O'Connor Lakes Units - Sutter Co., Nelson Slough Unit - Sutter Co., Sacramento Bypass WA - Sacramento County, Lake of the Woods Unit - Yuba Co., Sutter Bypass WA - Sutter Co., Colusa Bypass WA- Colusa Co., Fremont Weir WA- Yolo Co., Auburn State Recreation Area- Placer Co., Daugherty Hill WA - Yuba Co., Spenceville WA - Yuba/Nevada Co., Clifton Court Forebay - Contra Costa Co., Napa-Sonoma Marshes WA, Sacramento Valley Waterfowl Area Map, Gray Lodge WA - Butte Co., Clear Lake Area Public Lands Maps, Boggs Mtn State Forest, Jackson State Forest, Gray Lodge WA- Butte Co., Upper Butte Basin WA- Butte Co., Yolo Bypass WA- Yolo Co., Grizzly Island WA - Solano Co., and the Delevan, Colusa, Sutter, and Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuges. There are also plans for making wood duck and bluebird boxes.

## Free Junior Hunter Trap Shoot

### Coon Creek Trap and Skeet – Sat. Oct. 4, 8-11 am

**Fifty (50) clay birds will be furnished by the Sutter County Fish and Game Commission for any junior hunters who would like to practice on moving clay targets before hunting season.** A special invitation is extended to those who have signed up for a junior pheasant hunt. Several stations have been reserved for juniors at this shooting facility. No reservations, arrive between 8-11 am. \$4/25 clays for adults if they would like to shoot.

When: Sat. Oct. 4, 2003, Arrive 8 - 11a.m – Junior shoot over at noon

**Where:** Coon Creek Trap and Skeet north of Roseville. Open to public on Tues, Thurs, Sat & Sun, 10AM until dark. Call (916) 765-8278 (Coon Creek Trap) or **(530) 673-7337 (Cebolla Creek Outfitters) for more info.**

**Bring:** Your shotgun and at least 50 shotgun shells, preferably low base 7 ½ or 8 shot size.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served near the lunch hour.

**Directions:** 1) **From Hwy 65** - Go north of Lincoln on Hwy 65 to Wise Road, then west on Wise Road 2 miles to Dowd Road. Go north on Dowd Road 1.5 miles to Waltz Road and turn left. Look for the tall red microwave tower. 2) **From Hwy 70** – Go east from the East Nicolaus stoplight 5 miles and turn left (north) on Pleasant Grove Road for 3 miles. Turn right (east) on Hicks road for 3 miles, turn left (north) on Brewer Road for 1 mile, and turn right (east) on Waltz Road for about 5 miles. Look for the tall red microwave tower.

# **REDUCED FEE HUNTING AND FISHING, FREE FISHING LICENSE AVAILABLE FOR SOME RESIDENTS**

The State Legislature has provided for either free or reduced cost fishing and hunting licenses to persons meeting certain criteria. While the special forms and licenses must be obtained from the DFG License and Revenue Branch office in Sacramento or DFG Regional offices, it is worth your added time and effort to apply for these licenses if you meet the criteria. These offices will be happy to provide you with information on requirements, how to apply and the special forms. The phone numbers are found on the Information Page of this newsletter.

If you are 65 or older and meet income criteria (receiving Aid to the Aged; \$750/month or less if single or \$1332/month or less if married) or have a 70% service connected disability, honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces and who meets CA hunter safety requirements. Reduced fee (\$4.25) fishing licenses are available. Free fishing licenses are available for persons permanently disabled using a wheelchair, walker, or forearm crutches; legally blind, receiving services of a Regional Center; or low income Native Americans. Check with your nearest DFG office for license applications or additional information.

Reduced-fee provisions do not apply to hunting tags or species stamps.

A permit to allow persons with mobility disabilities to hunt from a motor vehicle under certain specific conditions is also available. To obtain information regarding this permit, contact your nearest regional office or call (916) 653-1235.

The above applications will require certifications of qualifying criteria and your signature of truthfulness under penalty of perjury. Contact DFG's License and Revenue Branch or a Regional Headquarters for more info today!

## **WHO NEEDS A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE?**

While this seems like a very simple question to answer, many people get confused and either fail to buy a license, buy the wrong one, or buy one when it is not needed. Let's consider fishing licenses first.

No license is needed for anglers that are under the age of 16 years. When they reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, an adult fishing license is required with the appropriate stamps. A fishing license would make a wonderful birthday present for the person reaching their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Some people are under the impression that once you reach 65 (or 60, 62, 70; the age varies) you do not need a fishing license. This is not true! You do need a fishing license regardless of your age once you reach 16. However, there are reduced fee and free fishing licenses available if you meet the criteria. SEE THE ARTICLE ENTITLED 'REDUCED FEE HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES...' in this issue of *WBN*.

All persons, regardless of age, who hunt any bird or mammal, are required to possess a valid California hunting license. Licenses may be renewed by presenting a CA hunting license from a prior year or evidence of having held such license, a hunter safety certificate, or a certificate of competence to your local license dealer or a DFG license office. Junior licenses are available for persons 15 years old and younger.

To obtain your first hunting license, a person must pass a Hunter Education Class to receive a Hunter Safety Certificate. This certificate can be presented to any license dealer to purchase a current hunting license. These classes are offered in various locations throughout the State and at different times. SEE HUNTER SAFETY SCHEDULE IN THIS EDITION OF *WBN*!

Also, if you plan to hunt out of state, be aware that many states now require you possess a valid hunter safety **certificate** before you can purchase a hunting license. Plan ahead if you cannot find your certificate; enroll in a class as soon as possible.

## **Becoming an Outdoors Woman**

The Department of Fish and Game sponsors "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" programs in Northern, Central and Southern California. We currently offer two full workshops per year and a number of smaller one and two day - - topic specific workshops.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman is a program primarily geared for women, but is an opportunity for anyone 18 years or older to learn the outdoor skills usually associated with hunting and fishing but useful for many outdoor pursuits.

Attendees are sure to want to sport the latest fashions bearing the BOW Logo. Order now or when you arrive at the training program.

### **Here is the current workshop schedule:**

**July 27 Kayak Tour** Slab Creek Reservoir, El Dorado County  
Costs: \$75

**August 2 A Day at the Range** Morgan Hill, CA Costs: \$75

**August 22-24 Backpacking** Lassen Volcanic Park Costs: \$90

**September 13 Hiking Poles - Level 2** Big Basin State Park near Boulder Creek, CA Costs: \$50

**September 26-28 Fly Fishing with Wilderness Unlimited**  
Burney, CA

**October 3-5 Multi-Course Workshop** - not yet taking registration  
TBA Sanger, CA

**October 25 Hiking Poles - Level 2** Marin County - Muir Woods

**October 26 Hiking Poles - Level 1** Marin County - Muir Woods

**TBA Pheasant Hunt with Wilderness Unlimited** Williams, CA

**November 14-16 Birding with Brian** Santa Barbara, CA

**TBA Duck Hunt with Wilderness Unlimited** TBA - Northern CA

## **Sport Fishing Licenses ONLINE!**

You can now purchase annual sport fishing licenses and selected stamp privileges 24-hours a day, 7-days a week at [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov). This is a convenient way to purchase a license for you or as a gift for others. Those items not available online may be purchased from any of our 2,350 authorized License Agent locations statewide, by visiting a DFG office or by calling the DFG at (916) 227-2245 Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

# ***Frequently Asked Questions***

## **1. Swallows are building mud nests on my house. What can I do?**

Cliff swallows and barn swallows often nest on tall houses or buildings which are near a body of water. Cliff swallows build gourd like mud nests in colonies. These birds are often seen flying around bridges and highway overpasses. Barn swallows build a cup shaped nest and tend to nest as single pairs. Swallows feed on insects and spend a large part of each day catching flies, beetles and mosquitoes. Swallows are very effective insect controllers. All swallows are classified under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 as migratory insectivorous birds and their eggs and young are protected by state and federal regulations. In central California, egg-laying generally occurs between late April and the end of May. A typical nest contains 1,000 to 1,400 mud pellets, each representing one trip to and from the nest. Nest construction takes one to two weeks with egg laying beginning before the nest is complete. **If there is a problem, the nests can be washed down if there are no eggs or young in the nest.** Washing of nests must be done as soon as nest building begins and redone for several days until the swallows abandon the site. For more information see: [www.ipm.ucdavis/PMG/PESTNOTES](http://www.ipm.ucdavis/PMG/PESTNOTES).

## **2. What can I do about a bear that is getting into my trash?**

The solution involves removing all bear attractants. Bear attractants include dog and cat food left out, bird feeders, hummingbird feeders, greasy barbeque grills and trash cans set out the night before pickup. Trash cans rinsed with a 50% ammonia solution will help. Removal of these attractants will often reduce the problem. There are bear proof garbage can containers available for purchase from private manufacturers to prevent access to the trash cans. More information about California Black Bears, coyotes, deer and mountain lions creating a problem is available at the DFG website: [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov) and click on Publications, then go to Living with Wildlife or by calling the DFG at (916) 358-2900.

## ***5th ANNUAL FISHING DERBY GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA***

The Gridley Recreation/Community Services along with Butte County Fish and Game Commission, Gridley Quota Club and many other area businesses and organizations are sponsoring a terrific FREE fishing event open to kids 15 years old and under at the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area on Saturday, July 26, 2003. Sage Hen Pond will be stocked with catfish and bait and tackle will be available for those who need it. There will be prize drawings and a prize awarded for the largest fish of the day!

The event will be held in Gray Lodge's Sage Hen Pond located at Parking Lot 12 with registration beginning at 6:30 a.m. Derby hours are from 7:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Last years derby was a great success with lots of fishermen and plenty more cheerleaders. Anyone, including those over 16 with a valid fishing license, may fish after 12 noon. If you would like more information about this popular community event you can call the Gridley Recreation Department at (530) 846-3264.

## ***Fish and Game Calendar August***

- 1 - Abalone split-season re-opens.
- 1 - Fish and Game Commission meeting, 10 a.m., City Council Chambers, 333 West Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, (916) 653-4899.
- 2 - Fish and Game Commission meeting, 8:30 a.m., The Westin Long Beach, 333 East Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, (916) 653-4899.
- 2 - Becoming an Outdoors Woman: A Day at the Range, Coyote Valley Sporting Clays Club, Morgan Hill, (916) 653-7448.
- 9 - General deer hunting season opens in Zone A, (916) 445-3406.
- 9 - Archery deer hunting season opens in zones C2, C3, (916) 445-3406.
- 13 - Wildlife Conservation Board meeting, State Capitol, Room and time TBA, (916) 445-8448.
- 15 - Fishing in the City: Fishing Clinic, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Howe Park, Sacramento, (916) 358-2872.
- 16 - Archery deer hunting season opens in zones B1, B2, B3, B5, B6, C1, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D9, D10, all X zones, (916) 445-3406.
- 22 - Fishing in the City: Fishing Clinic, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Hagan Park, Rancho Cordova, (916) 358-2872.
- 23 - General deer hunting season opens in Zone B4, (916) 445-3406.
- 28 - Fish and Game Commission meeting, 10 a.m., Flamingo Resort Hotel/Conference Center, 2777 4th St, Santa Rosa, (916) 653-4899.
- 29 - Fish and Game Commission meeting, 8:30 a.m., City Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Ave, Santa Rosa, (916) 653-4899.
- 30 - Archery deer hunting season opens in Zone C4, (916) 445-3406.

Internet - DFG homepage: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>

DFG, Hdqtrs, 1416 Ninth St., Sacto, 95814 (916)653-7664

Conservation Education (916) 653-6420

Inland Fisheries (916) 653-6194

Marine Resources (916) 653-6281

Natural Heritage (916) 324-0565

Personnel (916) 653-8120

Project Wild/Aquatic (916) 653-3857

Wildlife Management (916) 445-3406

Wildlife Protection (916) 653-4094

Mountain Lion Emergencies (916) 445-0045

DFG, *Region 1*, 601 Locust Street, Redding, CA 96001, (530) 225-2300, FAX (530) 225-2381.

DFG, *Region 2*, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, (916) 358-2900, FAX (916) 358-2912.

DFG, *Region 3*, P.O. Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599, (707) 944-5500, FAX (707) 944-5563.

DFG, *Region 4*, 1234 Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710, (559) 243-4005, FAX (209) 243-4022.

DFG, *Region 5*, 4949 View Ridge Ave, San Diego, CA 92123, (619) 467-4201, FAX (619) 467-4235

DFG, *Region 6*, 330 Golden Shore, Suite 50, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 590-5132, FAX (562) 590-5152.

DFG, *Region 7*, 20 Lower Ragsdale Dr., #100, Monterey, CA 93940 (831) 649-2870

DFG, License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street  
Sacramento, CA 95816 (916) 227-2177 / 227-2244

Wildlife Areas:

Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, 3207 Rutherford Rd.,

Gridley, CA 95948 (530) 846-7500

Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, P.O. Box 368

Suisun CA 94585 (707) 425-3828

Oroville/Spenceville Wildlife Areas, 945 Oro Dam Blvd  
Oroville, CA 95965 (530) 538-2236

Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area, P.O. Box 190

Butte City, CA 95920 (530) 982-2169

Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, 45211 County Rd 32B  
Davis, CA 95616 (530) 757-2461

CalTIP - Californians Turn in Poachers

1-888-DFG-CALTIP (1-888-334-2258)

DFG Hunter Education Information

Program Administrator (916) 653-1235

Region 1, Coordinator (530)225-2304 Rec (530) 225-2003

Region 2, Coordinator (916)358-2908 Rec (916)351-0833

Region 3, Coordinator (707)944-5544 Rec (707)944-5576

Region 4, Coordinator (559)222-3761, Ext 124 Rec 243-4027

Region 5, Coordinator (562)590-5185 Rec (562)590-5670

Upland Game Bird Publications (Quail, Pig and Turkey Guides)  
1-916-653-2225.

Farming for Wildlife Brochure-Call Dave Smith at 916-445-3490.

Fishing in the City Stocking Program (916)358-2872 (Sacto)

Sport Fishing Information 1-800-ASK-FISH (275-3474)

Wild Trout Project Newsletter (2x/year) c/o Stan Stephens, Editor  
8530 W. Roosevelt Ave, Visalia, CA 93291-9458

(209) 651-1710

Trout Planting information

Sacramento Valley-Central Sierra (916) 351-0832

Northern California(530) 225-2146

Coastal Counties (Mendocino to San Luis Obispo)  
(707) 944-5581

San Joaquin Vly-Southern Sierra (209) 222-3761 Ext 183

Becoming an Outdoors Woman (916) 657-4333

To report a BIRD BAND call 1-800-327-BAND

Sacramento NWR, 752 County Rd. 99W, Willows, CA 95988  
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Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6116 (916)852-2000

For National Forest maps and information contact the following  
offices. Many of the offices carry maps of several forests. Most  
maps are \$6 each.

Mendocino NF, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988  
(530) 934-3316

Plumas NF, P.O. Box 11500, 159 Lawrence St., Quincy, CA 95971  
(530) 283-2050

Plumas NF, 875 Mitchell Ave., Oroville, CA 95965 (530) 534-6500  
Tahoe NF, P.O. Box 6003, Hwy 49 and Coyote St., Nevada City, CA  
95959 (530) 265-4531

El Dorado NF Information Center, 3070 Camino Heights Drive,  
Camino, CA 95709 (530) 644-6048

Stanislaus NF, 19777 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370 (209)  
532-3671

Shasta-Trinity NF 2400 Washington Ave, Redding, CA 96001  
(530) 246-5222

Six Rivers NF 507 E. Street, Eureka, CA 95501 (707)442-1721

Lassen NF 55 S. Sacramento St., Susanville, CA 96130

(530) 257-2151

Modoc NF, 441 N. Main St., Alturas, CA 96101 (530) 233-5811

*California Department of Park and Recreation* areas open for  
hunting:

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, CDPR, 400 Glen Drive,  
Oroville, CA 95966, (530) 538-2200/538-2219

Auburn State Recreation Area (30,000 acres), CDPR, P.O. Box  
3266, Auburn, CA 95604, (530) 885-4527/988-0205

*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* properties open for hunting:

Black Butte Lake, USACE, 19225 Newville Road, Orland, CA  
95963-8901, (530) 865-4781.

Englebright Lake, USACE, P.O. Box 6, Smartville, CA., 95977,  
(530) 639-2342.

New Hogan Lake, USACE, 2713 Hogan Dam Blvd, Valley  
Springs, CA 95252, (209) 772-1343.

Lake Mendocino, USACE, 1160 Lake Mendocino Dr, Ukiah, CA  
95482 (707) 462-7581

Lake Sonoma, USACE, 3333 Skaggs Springs rd., Geyserville, CA  
95441-9483 (707)433-9483 (Special hunts by reservation only)

Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation areas open for hunting:  
New Melones Lake, Bureau of Reclamation, 6850 Studhorse  
Flat Road, Sonora, CA 95370, (209) 536-9094.

Department of Forestry property open for hunting;

Jackson Demonstration State Forest - 50,200 acres, 802 N. Main  
St., Fort Bragg, CA 95437 (707)964-5674

Boggs Mtn. Demonstration State Forest -3,493 acres, P.O. Box  
839 Cobb, CA 95426 (707) 928-4378

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Bakersfield, 3801 Pegasus Dr, 93308 (661)391-6000

Susanville, 705 Hall St, 96130 (530) 257-5381

Redding, 355 Henstead Dr., 96001 (530)246-5325

Folsom, 63 Natoma St., 95630 (916) 985-4474

Riverside, 1695 Spruce, 92507 (714)351-6383

Carson City, NV, 1050 E. Williams St, 89701

Cow Mtn/Kings Range Recreation Areas/Cache Creek Public  
Access, 2550 N. State St., Ukiah 95482-3023

(707)468-4000

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**July 26** - Kids Fishing Day at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area near Gridley – Planted catfish

**Sept. 1 – 15** Early dove season

**Sept. 1, 2003 – Jan. 25, 2003** General tree squirrel season

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